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## DEAR FRIENDS,


As we approach the summer, I'd like to wish you and your family a safe and happy Canada Day!

It's still important to avoid all nonessential travel, stay home whenever possible, wear a mask, keep practicing physical distancing, and follow local public health orders to protect our loved ones, the most vulnerable and our frontline workers.

Our government's top priority remains keeping Canadians safe and healthy.

As a member of the Cabinet Committee on the federal response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), I will keep working hard to support our community through this crisis.

Etobicoke North is a caring, resilient and strong community, and we will get through this together. Please know my office and I will continue to support you.

Sincerely, 


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# HAPPY CANADA DAY!



# KEEPING CANADIANS SUPPORTED

Our government will always be there to support Canadians, with whatever it takes, for as long as it takes. To ensure that no one is left behind as our economy starts to recover, we have:

- maintained flexible access to EI benefits for another year, until the fall of 2022;

- extended the number of weeks available under the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB) from 2 to 4 weeks;

- extended the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) and the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB) by an additional 12 weeks, until September 25; and

- extended EI sickness benefit from 15 to 26 weeks, fulfilling our campaign promise.



## SUPPORTING CANADIAN BUSINESSES

Small businesses are the cornerstone of our communities and the backbone of the Canadian economy, but they've also been among the hardest hit by the pandemic. These businesses, and the workers and communities who rely on them, will be critical to our recovery and long-term growth. That's why we're investing in Canada's businesses so we can create jobs, strengthen the economy, and grow the middle class.

So far, we've helped more than 5.3 million Canadians keep their jobs and more than 162,000 organizations pay their rent thanks to programs like the Wage Subsidy, the Rent Subsidy, and Lockdown Support. Through the Canada Emergency Business Account, we've helped over 866,000 businesses pay their bills.

**We're not stopping there. Canadian businesses can count on us to have their backs.**

**Our plan will help get businesses through this pandemic and ready for our recovery by:**

- introducing the new Canada Recovery Hiring Program for businesses to hire back staff, hire on new staff, and recover faster;

- launching the Canada Digital Adoption Program to help small businesses go digital, adopt technology, and stay competitive;

- improving the Canada Small Business Financing Program to increase maximum loan amount and expand eligibility;

- taking decisive action to lower the cost of doing business by reducing credit card transaction fees;

- removing barriers to trade between provinces and territories to build a more prosperous economy; and

- investing in the regional development agencies to ensure we create jobs and growth in every part of the country.



# FINISHING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

It's been a long year. We are so grateful to the nurses, doctors, personal support workers, emergency medical technicians, and other front-line workers who have bravely put themselves at risk to keep us all safe.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Each day, more Canadians are getting vaccinated against COVID-19, with every dose administered taking us closer to the finish line of this pandemic. Early on in the pandemic, our government secured more than 400 million doses of vaccine from the 7 leading vaccine candidates.

Now, we're working day and night to distribute incoming vaccine shipments to provinces and territories. Through our investments, we're covering the costs of all the vaccines, and the supplies to administer them. By the end of September, all Canadians who want to be, will be fully vaccinated.



## INVESTING IN SAFE, AFFORDABLE, AND HIGH-QUALITY CHILDCARE

The pandemic has exposed something women have long known: Without childcare, parents – usually mothers – can't work. The closing of our schools and daycares has driven women's participation in the labour force down to its lowest level in more than two decades. We've seen firsthand that quality early learning, and childcare is an urgent economic issue, not just a feminist issue.

That's why our Liberal government is focused on working with the provinces and territories to provide safe, affordable, and high-quality childcare. Our plan will aim to reduce fees for parents with children in regulated childcare by 50 per cent on average by 2022, with a goal of reaching **\$10 per day on average by 2026**, everywhere outside of Quebec.

This will help make life more affordable for families, while supporting early childhood educators in their important work to teach and engage young learners. It will also increase women's participation in the workforce and in our economy, which will create growth for all Canadians. This is a smart economic plan that will create jobs, grow the middle class, and offer each child in Canada the best start in life.

# GREEN RECOVERY

Climate change is one of the greatest threats we face as a world, but it also presents an enormous economic opportunity. In 2021, post-pandemic job growth for Canadians means green growth.

Since 2015, we've worked hard to fight climate change and create good middle-class jobs in the green economy along the way. This includes investing in public and active transit to lower emissions, planting 2 billion trees to use nature to fight climate change, protecting our land and waters, banning harmful single-use plastics, and making sure that pollution isn't free anywhere in Canada.

As we look to the future, we know how important it is to continue this work as we work towards our target of net-zero emissions by 2050. Our plan will help more than 200,000 Canadians make their homes

greener, help Canada reach its goal of conserving 25% of our lands and oceans by 2025, and will invest in clean industry by helping heavy polluters like oil and gas producers reduce their emissions.

## Together, we will:

- create new opportunities and jobs in the economy of the future;
- spur Canadian innovation to build net-zero technologies and attract new investments in Canadian businesses;
- help Canadians have greener homes; and
- conserve up to 1 million square kilometres more land and inland waters to help achieve Canada's 25 per cent protected area by 2025 target.

## OUR OFFICE CAN HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- **Employment Insurance (EI)**
- **Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB)**
- **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)**
- **Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)**
- **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)**
- **Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS)**
- **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)**
- **Canada Child Benefit (CCB)**
- **Child Disability Benefit (CDB)**
- **National Student Loans (NSLSC)**
- **Canada Pension Plan (CPP)**
- **Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS)**
- **Old Age Security (OAS)**
- **Federal Funding for Organizations**
- **Canadian Citizenship**
- **Permanent Residency (PR)**
- **Visitor Visas (TRV)**
- **Work and Study Permits**

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